



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**JUVENILE ARTHRITIS AWARENESS WEEK**  
MARCH 6-12, 2005

**WHEREAS**, more than 70 million Americans – 300,000 of them children - experience the pain and fatigue of arthritis and related conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, in North Dakota, more than 148,000 people have arthritis, many of them children; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arthritis Foundation North Central Chapter and other organizations throughout the state are working to provide help and hope to individuals and families affected by this devastating disease; and

**WHEREAS**, Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Week is a focused effort by the Arthritis Foundation to increase awareness about the effects of arthritis on children and to offer greater information about the resources available to help families cope with raising a child with arthritis; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 6-12, 2005, **JUVENILE ARTHRITIS AWARENESS WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State